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The intervention of rats and fleas, Doctor Sorrentino concludes, accounts for nearly all the epidemic phenomena of plague, phenomena which can not be otherwise explained.

MEXICO.

Reports from Monterey—Mortality.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Goldberger reports, September 1, as follows:

The health conditions in Monterey and vicinity continue to be satisfactory as evidenced by a continuation of the low mortality.

During the week ended August 27, 1904, the total number of deaths recorded was 44. The list of mortality presents nothing of special interest.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ferguson reports, September 2, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Goldberger, as follows:

During the week ended August 27 nothing of importance, from a sanitary standpoint, has occurred between this city and C. P. Diaz.

Report from Monclova and vicinity.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ferguson reports, August 27, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Goldberger, as follows:

Nothing of a suspicious character has developed between this city and the city of Monclova for the week ended August 20, 1904.

Report from Progreso and Merida—Inspection of vessels—Yellow fever at Merida.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Harrison reports, September 2, as follows: Two weeks ended August 27, 1904: Estimated population, 8,000; deaths from all causes, 24. General condition, only fair. Merida still presenting record of yellow fever in lazaretto, but the general sanitary conditions there seem good.

My report of August 5 should have stated "Progreso" (not Merida, as printed in Public Health Reports of August 19) "should be considered infected from case reported July, etc."

Bills of health have been issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Crew.	Passen- gers.	Transit.
Aug. 13	Tjömö.....	New York	18	.....	.....
13	Esperanza	do	96	50	33
14	Falco.....	U. S., via Cuba.....	.....	.....	.....
17	Gertrude A. Bartlett	Mobile	7	.....	.....
19	Galveston	Galveston	22	.....	1
19	Susie B. Dantzler	Ship Island	7	.....	.....
20	Mira	New Orleans	35	.....	.....
20	Vigilancia	New York	79	61	32
21	Alm	Mobile	23	4	.....
24	Telefon	Pensacola	24	.....	1
25	Daggry	New York	17	.....	.....
27	Havana	do	96	57	47

Sanitary conditions at Merida—Yellow-fever cases in lazaretto.

In obedience to Department instructions of July 12, I have made one visit to Merida to examine the sanitary conditions there, and will